overseas markets have generated wide spread awareness about the tourist attractions of the country, resulting in an increase of 26.8% during 2004 and 13.2% during 2005 in foreign tourist arrivals to the country. Foreign Exchange earnings during the same period increased by 35% and 20.2% respectively in US dollar terms.

(b) and (c) In collaboration with other Ministries/State Governments and the private sector, the Ministry of Tourism has initiated several steps to improve tourism infrastructural facilities for augmenting air seat and airport capacity, rail and road connectivity to tourist destinations, etc. Incentives are being provided to increase hotel room capacity in the budget category. A social awareness campaign - 'Atithi Devo Bhava' has been launched to sensitise stakeholders in the tourism industry about the need to treat tourists with care and courtesy. Capacity building programmes have been taken up to train service providers in tourism and related sectors.

Projects for development of tourism in Uttar Pradesh

†284. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas in Uttar Pradesh identified by Government during the year 2005-06 for development of tourism;

(b) the details fo projects formulated by Government for development of the said areas; and

(c) whether Government have made any budgetary allocation in this regard; if so, the datails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The details of projects sanctioned for development of tourism in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) No amount is earmarked for development of any place. Project proposals received from the State Governments that are complete in all respect are processed on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Projects sanctioned to the State of Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
1.	Beautification/Renovation/Construction of TICCI Fort Complex at Etawah	55.68
2.	Beautication of Kali Vahan Temple at Etawah	46.90
3.	Development and Beautification of Nana Rao Smarak at Bithoor (Distt. Kanpur Nagar)	422.17
4.	Renovation/Beautification of Chhatries of Govardhan in Mathura Distt.	58.60
5.	Preparation of Site Survey Plan of Parkrama Path for Goverdhan and Vrindavan Research Institute at Vrandavan	0.79
6.	Development of Garhmukteswar–Brij Ghat under Destination Development scheme	256.80
7.	Development of Rae Bareli and surrounding area under Destination Development Scheme	490.27
8.	Development of Wayside amenities around Ghuisarnath Dham, Block Sangipur, Distt. Pratapgarh under Destination Development scheme	258.09
9.	Development of Mirzapur-Chunar-Robertsganj under Vindhya Tourist Circuit	800.00
10.	Integrated and Destination Development in Dudhwa National Park in Distt. Kehri under Dudhwa-Katerniaghat Tourist Circuit	312.60
11.	Development of Katerniaghat Wild Life Sanctuary in Distt Baharaich under Dudhwa-Katerniaghat Tourist Circuit	105.00
12.	Development of Surhatal Shahid Smarak, Basantpur, Ballia as Tourist Destination.	205.20

1	2	3
13.	Integrated Development of Agra-Revitalization and Visitor Management for Taj Mahal Vicinity-East Gate Entry to Taj Mahal	767.00
14.	Celebration of Jhansi Ayurved Festival, 2004	2.50
15.	Investors' Meet at Agra in February, 2006	15.00
	TOTAL	3796.60

Development of tourism in Uttar Pradesh

†285. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to develop tourism at Soron and Kaddla Braj in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the outline of this scheme; and

(c) the details of effective steps being taken by Government for implementing this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Identification of new places for promotion of tourism

†286. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise annual increase in the number of foreign tourists arrived in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware that there are still many places in the country which once developed, can attract tourists naturally and provide employment also to the people;

(c) whether Government have identified such places; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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